

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for manufacturing a single book set having at least
2 one book, comprising manufacturing the book set so that the book set can be
3 physically placed within a book storage space, at least one dimension of the
4 book storage space being defined by a customer.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving input from
2 the customer indicating the at least one dimension.

1 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving input from
2 the customer identifying each book in the book set.

1 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising receiving payment
2 information from the customer to purchase the book set.

1 5. The method of claim 3, further comprising receiving payment
2 information from the customer to purchase the book set prior to performing the
3 manufacturing step.

1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising providing the
2 customer with a purchase cost to purchase the book set for performing the
3 manufacturing step.

1 7. A book on demand system, comprising:
2 (a) an order placement system capable of receiving input from a
3 user identifying a set of books and at least one dimension of a storage space
4 that will be used to store the at least one book; and
5 (b) means, responsive to the input, for manufacturing the set of
6 books so that the set of books can be placed physically within the storage
7 space.

1 8. The book on demand system of claim 7, wherein the order
2 placement system is capable of providing the user with a purchase cost to
3 purchase the set of books.

1 9. The book on demand system of claim 8, wherein the order
2 placement system is further capable of receiving payment information from the
3 user to purchase the set of books and the manufacturing means only
4 manufactures the set of books after the order placement system receives the
5 payment information.

1 10. The book on demand system of claim 9, wherein the order
2 system includes an electronic database for storing, in an electronic form, each
3 book in the set of books.

1 11. The book on demand system of claim 10, wherein the
2 manufacturing means includes at least one printer, coupled to the order
3 placement system, for printing the books..

1 12. A method for manufacturing books, comprising:
2 (a) receiving input from a customer identifying books the
3 customer wishes to purchase;
4 (b) receiving input from the same customer defining at least one
5 dimension of a book storage space; and
6 (c) producing a single copy of each book identified by the
7 customer in step (a) in a manner so the books, as a set, can be stored within the
8 book storage space.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 (d) receiving payment from the customer to purchase a single
3 copy of each book identified in step (a).

1 ~~14.~~ The method of claim 13, wherein step (c) is performed only
2 after step (d) is performed.

1 15. The method of claim ~~14~~, further comprising:
2 (e) providing a purchase price to the customer to purchase a
3 single copy of each book identified in step (a)

1 16. The method of claim 15, wherein step (c) includes the following
2 substep:

3 (c1) determining a media size for use in printing the cover of at
4 least one of the books as a function of the input received in step (b).

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the producing step includes
2 the following substep:

3 (c2) determining a media size for use in printing the pages of at
4 least one of the books as a function of the input received in step (b).

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the producing step further
2 includes the following substep:

3 (c3) printing the cover on media having a size determined in
4 step c1.

1 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the producing step further
2 includes the following substep:

3 (c4) printing the pages on media having a size determined in
4 step c2.

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